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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title of the specification, found on line 2 of page 1, as follows:

<u>Sound-Controlled</u> Electronic Apparatus

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 4 of page 9 as follows:

The operation of the main microcomputer 42 is described with reference to Figure 2. When the sound control mode setting button 52b is operated and the digital still camera 101 is set in the sound control mode, the press of the shutter button 52a is firstly detected and then the release of the button is detected on the basis of information from the sub microcomputer 46 (S1, S3). When the release of the button has been detected, after a waiting time of one second, sound detection function of the main microcomputer 42 is activated to start the detection of a sound input from the microphone 40 (S5, S7). Waiting for one second in a step S5 is intended to prevent the main microcomputer 42 from detecting the sound of press of the shutter button 52a by its sound detection function and causing a malfunction due to that. The waiting time is a time between the instant when the shutter button 52a was pressed and the instant when sound of press of the shutter button 52a has exerted no effect on operation, and is set as appropriate according to the structural features of the digital still camera [[10]] 101 including the shape of the shutter button 52a and the attachment position of the microphone 40, etc.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 25 of page 10 as follows:

The waiting time in a step S29 is a time between the instant when an operating button other than the shutter button 52a was used and the instant when a sound generated in using the button has exerted no effect on operation, and is set as appropriate according to the structural features of the digital still camera [[10]] 101 including the shape of the shutter button 52a and the attachment position of the microphone 40, etc.

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